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Plans Take Shape For Youth Fitness Week

by Claude Wimberly

A seven-man executive committee, charged with the task of planning Greenbelt's role in National Youth Fitness Week to be celebrated during the week of May 1, held the first of a series of meetings last night (Wednesday). The goal of the committee is to exploit the planned selection of Greenbelt as a national example of a small community's recreation program.

The choice of Greenbelt as a representative city already has the support of President Eisenhower's Committee on Youth Fitness, headed by Dr. Shane McCarthy. Official selection will depend on the city developing a suitable program involving the entire community during National Youth Fitness Week. Events taking place in the city would be widely publicized by radio, television, newspapers, and magazines.

Peter English, a professional staff member on Dr. McCarthy's Committee, met on January 18 with representatives of Greenbelt youth organizations, and civic, fraternal, religious, educational and public service groups. He told them that Greenbelt was favored as the choice of a model city because it is geographically located near the nation's capitol, affords Dr. McCarthy's Committee an opportunity for easy access, and is typical of other small towns in regard to population, schools, churches, and recreation facilities.

English stressed the importance of the concept of a total community program and emphasized the importance of participation of parents along with the youngsters. Warren Leddick, city recreation director, said that he was confident that there is sufficient interest to assure a well-balanced program of events throughout the May week. The program would show how the city's recreation program is designed to better the mental, moral, and physical well-being not only of the young people in town but of all the citizens.

The seven-man committee was formed to outline programs for the various organizations during the week and to coordinate them so that a complete and comprehensive schedule of events will emphasize the "fitness" of this community throughout the nation.

Junior Bowling News

The Junior Bowling League has just begun a 12-week season at the Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes. The league is bowling on Friday at 4:15 p.m., with 10 teams participating.

A meeting was held in the new meeting room of the Lanes and Officers were elected. They are as follows: Wade Shelton, President; Bobbie Davis and Mary Dean, Sgt. at Arms.

Mary Dean is leading the girls with a high game of 151 and high average of 124.

Bill Hodges is leading the fellows with a high game of 19½ and high average of 169.

The league is under the supervision of the Management and bowlers must live up to the standards of the Junior Bowling Congress. Some of these rules are: no smoking, no swearing, no playing of coin machines, and a strict policy of good sportsmanship. Parents of these youngsters are invited to drop in and watch these young adults bowling.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Council of the City of
Greenbelt, Md.

February 1, 1960

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Manager's Progress Report
7. Ordinance - Second Reading
- Increase Youth Center Advisory Board
8. Resolution - Safety Patrol Week
9. Ordinance - Second Reading
- Regulate Parking in Courts
10. Discuss Action to be Taken Regarding Berwyn Heights Corner Property
11. Consider Charter Changes
12. City Treasurer's Annual Financial Report

Credit Union Elections

Following are the results of elections held at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union: Incumbents Ben Rosenzweig, Murray Ryss and Joseph C. Cherry were reelected for two-year terms. Heinz P. Leibe was elected for a two-year term replacing Carl L. Eubank who left the Board after several years of service. The remaining Board members are Allen D. Morrison, James S. Beck and Joe Comproni who were elected to two-year terms last year.

Mrs. Virginia Fowler was elected to a two-year term to fill the only vacancy on the Credit Committee. The remaining members on the committee are Miss Hazel Dinehart, Chairman, and Mrs. Anne Kazlauskas.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on Wednesday, January 27, Ben Rosenzweig was elected President for the coming year, James S. Beck was elected Vice President, Murray Ryss, Secretary, and Joe Comproni, Treasurer.

Suit Deemed Futile

City solicitor Ralph Powers informed the city council that its proposal to institute a "friendly suit" against the neighboring community of Berwyn Heights to restore a parcel of land on the southwest corner of Edmonston road and Greenbelt road into the Greenbelt city limits would meet with defeat in his opinion. Powers termed the move "unconstitutional," since the boundaries were established in 1937 and approved by the Maryland general assembly in 1948 and would be difficult to overthrow.

The council asked that Powers' legal opinion be given to each city council member for further study. City manager Charles McDonald disclosed that Powers' salary does not include legal work, which requires lengthy court appearances or protracted legal duties that this sort of suit would require.

PTA Seeks Support

This week members of the North End and Center School P-TAs will knock on local doors. They will be presenting a petition pressing for the enactment of the basic legislation necessary to carry out the legislative program adopted by the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers on November 5, 1959.

Impressed by the fact that Maryland ranks 37th in per capita state expenditures for education while ranking 10th among the states in per capita income, the Congress has vigorously recommended an increase in the State's minimum teacher salary scale to \$4,000-\$6,000 for degree-certified teachers. The Congress also advocates adequate salaries for the faculties of Teachers' College, expansion and construction of new facilities to meet the greatly increasing needs, increased funds for mental health, establishment of public libraries and bookmobiles where such services are not provided and improvement of others, etc.

Concerted efforts are now being made by every P-TA in Prince George County to obtain 30,000 signatures showing support for increased state aid for education.

Duplicate Bridge

The next duplicate bridge game of the Greenbelt Bridge Club will be held on Friday evening, February 5 in the music room of the North End school. The game will start promptly at 8 p.m. Director Al Skolnik invites all bridge players to attend whether they have a partner or not. "We will arrange a partner for you," he said. He also reminded the regular bridge players to bring tables.

Thomas, Dunn Given Top Honors by FD & RS

Twenty-one officers were installed at the annual installation dinner of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad on January 16, during which Earl Thomas and Dennis Dunn were presented the organization's top awards. Eight officers of the Ladies Auxiliary were also installed.

The two men selected by the members of the department in a secret ballot were given the Chief's Award. Thomas, a trustee for the Fire Department, was credited by Chief Vince Dutton as having done more for the Department than any other man. Dunn, an 18-year-old member of the Rescue Squad, was cited by Chief Don Pratt as having made the grade on his very first emergency run.

Mayor Alan Kistler, addressing the group, spoke of "the magnificent work, the sense of dedication, and the selfless service manifested by these squads." He added that the approval of the recent bond issue for new municipal buildings, including the new firehouse, showed how "the people of Greenbelt are really grateful for what you have done."

Thomas told the group that the total cost of the new firehouse, including the construction contract for \$114,986 plus other items of expense, will be about \$141,000. He said that the building should be ready for occupancy by the end of June.

Chief Dutton cited Bruce Munro, a junior member of the department, as the "man making the most runs and taking the most training for the past year." Miss Lillian Castaldi was presented a certificate naming her Miss Fire Prevention for 1959.

Changing the Pilot

With the next issue, the *Greenbelt News Review* will have a new editor. After 3½ years of arduous work as editor, Harry Zubkoff is leaving for a well-earned rest. No longer will Harry have to sit in the "slot" every Tuesday night at the paper's basement office, gnawing at his nails, tearing his hair, and worrying about such multifarious matters as where the ads will come from, whether his ace reporters will make an appearance, whether there will be enough money in the till to pay the printer, whether the paper should take an editorial stand on this issue.

This is not to imply that Harry did not have assistance. He had many able assistants. But in a local newspaper, all responsibility seems to fall on the shoulders of the editor. It is his awesome responsibility to make certain that the paper appears week in and week out. He is constantly plagued with decisions, ranging from such momentous ones as whether to publish a 2-page or a 4-page paper to somewhat less serious ones, such as who will deliver the copy! Mr. Truman's remark with respect to the Presidency can be aptly applied to the editorship of a small-town newspaper: "The buck ends here."

Such a burdensome responsibility is not without its rewards, as Harry will be the first to admit. During his term of office, the paper bolstered its coverage of local events, especially the meetings of the city council and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and has supplemented straight news coverage with analytical and interpretive reporting. It contributed to a record turnout at the city election in 1959 by framing and inviting comments from the candidates. It expanded its regular columnists to include Rita Fisher's "When the Siren Blows" and James Cassel's "Co-op Commentary." The delivery boy service was reorganized and expanded so as to assure prompt and reliable service to every household in Greenbelt. Internally, Harry leaves the paper on a somewhat firmer financial footing as the result of the successful fund drive and the additional recruitment of advertisers.

So, as Harry lolls around in temporary retirement, he can look back with pleasure at the paper's accomplishments in the past 3½ years. We of the staff do not begrudge Harry his period of rest. But we do say to him: please don't stray too far away from the office!

And now the *News Review* has a new editor — Russ Greenbaum. The term "new" is a misnomer. Russ has been editor before, serving from October 1954 to January 1955. In fact, at one time or another, Russ has filled practically every position on the paper. He has reported city council and GHI meetings, covered the police beat, interviewed leading Greenbelt citizens and visiting dignitaries, written a personal column, and his scintillating hand could be detected on the editorial page.

Russ is intimately acquainted with Greenbelt and Greenbelt with him. It was not an idle coincidence that his engaging personal column of a few years ago was entitled "My Town". In fact, one of the unhappy consequences of the editorial changeover is the probability that Russ will be forced to curtail his writing. However, we understand that Mrs. Greenbaum will carry on the family tradition.

Greenbelt can be assured that under Russ's guidance, there will be no break in the continuity of the newspaper's policy with respect to news coverage and editorial attitude. As in the past, the *News Review* staff will strive to present its readers with complete coverage of local events, printing all the news that's fit to print but eschewing personal controversies and always keeping in mind the needs, welfare and good taste of the community and its people.

Al Skolnik, president
Greenbelt Co-operative Publishing Association

Jaycees Hear Kistler

The Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its first annual Wive's Night on February 11, at the Domino Restaurant at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mayor Alan Kistler, who will talk on "what the Jaycees can do to help the new council and mayor". One of the top national projects for the Jaycees this year is legislation dealing with taxes on a local, state and national level.

At the January membership meeting, the Greenbelt Jaycees signed up new members. George Beachamp, Howard Chasanow, George Confer, Larry Fitzgerald, Joseph Izzo, Norris Jenkins, Daniel Kosisky, Eugene Kelleher, Joseph Schuman, Edgar Smith, and James H. Williams.

Babe Ruth Banquet

On Saturday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Church the Greenbelt Babe Ruth League will hold its first banquet. The speaker will be Tony Baker, who is the property of the Boston Red Sox. Tony has been playing in the Minor League now for many years. He will tell the boys what they have to look forward to if they plan to follow baseball as a career.

Also being honored at the dinner will be William L. Moore Jr. the founder of the Babe Ruth League in Greenbelt five years ago. Awards will be made to the members of the league winning, CO-OP team and the All-Star team. The outstanding player and rookie of the year will receive a souvenir Louisville Slugger miniature. There will also be a film shown of the 1959 World Series.

To Launch Adult Band

A new adult community band, to be known formally as the Greenbelt Woodwind and Brass Society, is about to be launched as an innovation in the city's recreation program.

The new organization will shortly seek out Greenbelt residents who are 18 or over and have had previous experiences with band instruments. They will be organized into a band under the direction of Don Smith, director of the High Point High School band, who also plays professionally.

A questionnaire will be distributed to all residents in the near future to ascertain those who may wish to join the band society. Instruments may be provided free to members of the society in some cases.

As a showcase for what the new band hopes to achieve, the Rockville, Maryland, municipal band has been invited to present a concert here. A performance has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, in the Center School Auditorium.

Further information about the new band may be obtained from Mrs. Imogene McCarthy by phoning GR 4-4321.

Majorettes Seek Funds

For the first time in many years, the Greenbelt Majorettes are raising funds to have new uniforms made to order for them. The girls plan to sell greeting cards, knick-knacks and other small items throughout Greenbelt in order to raise money for this purpose.

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Editor's Notebook

By Harry Zubkoff

It has been suggested to me that on the occasion of my departure from the editorship of the Greenbelt News Review it would be appropriate to express some final comments. The truth is, however, that I have little to say, and nothing that has not been said before. But at the risk of sounding trite, perhaps I will say a few things that have not been said recently.

As I see it, the News Review is the major unifying element within the city, the force which has done more than any other single civic activity to make a city out of a housing project. It has given Greenbelters a sense of belonging, a sense of participation, and, frequently, a feeling of pride in their community. Our object is to report the local news as fully and as accurately as possible, and if we have not always been as good as we could be, why, this is a criticism which can be leveled at any other newspaper in the country—and at every institution in the country. The point is that we are honestly striving to be better at our job all the time.

Those of us who have devoted our time and our energy to the News Review have been motivated by a genuine desire to further the best interests of our community.

DECEPTION CHARGED TO THE EDITOR:

As Third Precinct Vice-President of the 21st Election District Democratic Club, I wish to denounce, as a "rank piece of deception" the offer of the Greenbelt Republican Party to forward bids for Census jobs.

The Republican party must be desperate, indeed, when it attempts to hide a record of "mismanagement and incompetence" in public office behind a false face of the Republican party in the coming elections.

If the voters in the third precinct wish to become better informed of the true issues involved in the coming election, all are warmly welcomed to attend our regular monthly meetings the third Thursday, 8:30 p.m. at the Varsity Grill meeting room, College Park, Md. For further information call GR. 4-6646.

Appointments to the third precinct political committee will be announced at a later date. Plans are being formulated to put a "fighting team to elect Democrats" into action soon. A "Veterans for Democrats" committee is also being considered.

The 21st District Democratic club is the mother organization of all of the Democratic clubs in the five precincts, College Pk., Hollywood, Berwyn Hgts., Adelphi, and Greenbelt, Md. which make-up the 21st election district.

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to Sunday Services

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"I'M MAD"

To the Editor:

If it is possible for a person to be mad, I am mad and your Volunteer Fire Department is mad. Why? Because of people—people, who read the News Review and don't heed - people who read the recommendations of the Fire Department and don't heed - people who read about the Fire Department annual Xmas tree burning program Saturday January 2, 1960. People who read that this was a "model" program which was reproduced and sent to every fire department in the State of Maryland.

People who didn't see why they should take down their Xmas tree, as recommended by local, state and national fire authorities on Saturday, January 2, in order that their trees could be safely burned.

People who didn't even call for an extra pick-up for their tree because it was easier to throw it back in the woods than to call 2011. People who didn't know that Boy Scout Troops 202 and 746 had made a search of the wooded areas behind houses on Saturday, January 2 especially for those carelessly discarded trees.

People who didn't know that we collected and safely burned 1300 Xmas trees in 1958.

People who, I'm sorry to say, must not have got the word or didn't heed our request - because, this year, only about 600 trees were collected.

People, who think that fire prevention is for someone else.

People who say, "It can't happen here". People who say, "It's fire-proof, nothing can burn."

People who don't know that the men in the department 'do' know what they are talking about and have spent hundreds of hours in training and schooling sessions on their own time to learn to do their 'volunteer' "help thy neighbor" duties more efficiently.

People who don't know that we can point to incidents of tragedy elsewhere, which we try to prevent happening here, but now have failed.

People who leave matches within reach of small children.

People who didn't know that a dry Xmas tree would burn in 7 seconds.

People who may not have known that before the last blast on the siren, the damage is done.

People who didn't, but - we hope will from now on cooperate and participate to a much greater extent than ever before in our annual Xmas tree burning and other year-round fire prevention programs, because I believe all of us now have realized our shortcomings and we should more stringently "pay attention to fire prevention".

Because a badly burned child lies in the hospital today and we thank the Good Lord that he will be able to return to school.

That's Why I'm Mad!

Bob Mogel
Chairman, Fire Protection Com.

Hillebrand is Speaker

The Rev. Herbert Hillebrand, 17 Lakeside Drive, Chaplain of the D. C. General Hospital, will be the speaker at the opening session of a School of Mental Health sponsored by the University Park Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Boulevard and Tuckerman Street, on Sunday, February 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. He will speak on the topic, "The Church and Mental Health", and will discuss the relationship between faith and mental health, as well as the religious and emotional development of personality.

In addition to speaking on the opening night, Rev. Hillebrand will also talk on February 21, giving practical emphasis on how to deal with your tensions, and how to maintain mental health in times of crisis.

Baptist Church News



Dr. Carl F. H. Henry

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, distinguished theologian, lecturer, and editor, will preach during the 11 a.m. worship service at the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, February 7, 1960. He has chosen as his topic, "The Risen Christ and His Radiant Church" based on Acts 1:1-7.

Dr. Henry has served as the chairman of the Philosophy of Religion Department at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (Chicago) and recently was the Professor of Theology and Christian Philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He has lectured and preached extensively in college and seminaries, at Bible conferences as well as in many churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Presently Dr. Henry is the editor of the fortnightly magazine "Christianity Today" with offices in Washington, D. C. In 1954 he received a Freedoms Foundation medal for a magazine article entitled "Christianity and the American Heritage."

All are invited to attend this service to hear and meet Dr. Henry.

ADULT DANCE

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist church will be sponsoring an Adult Dance at the church on Friday, January 29, from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance contests will be featured, refreshments will be provided. Proceeds from the dance will go to the M.Y.F. fund.

Open House

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County will hold its first social Open House for 1960 on Saturday, January 30, 9 p.m.

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By Elaine Skolnik-GRanite 4-6060
It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lancaster, Jr., 3-M Research. Vicki Elizabeth made her debut on January 19, weighing 8 lbs. 10½ oz. She joins three sisters, Susan, Linda, and Kathy Lou.
A very happy birthday to Elaine Zubkoff, 17-H Ridge, who celebrated her eighth birthday.

Last week the girls of Brownie Troop 579 visited the fire house. They were delighted with their ride on the fire engine, and listened intently while Mr. Wynkoop gave a very fine talk on equipment and what happened when the sirens sounded. Three teenage boys demonstrated the equipment. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Bill Stevens and Mrs. Fran Herling.

A very happy birthday to Wes Alexander, 13-A Hillside, who celebrated his fifth birthday on Sunday. He partied with his grandmother and uncle who share the same birthday dates.

If Maureen Cottrill, 45-G Ridge, had realized that Susan Weintraub, 45-Q Ridge, didn't play canasta, she might have become suspicious. But, unsuspecting Maureen, accompanied by a knowing Janet Parker, 45-J Ridge, walked into the Weintraub home only to face a bathinette instead of a card table. When a chorus of "surprises" greeted her, she laid down the cards she was carrying, and had a wonderful time with many friends and neighbors who came to her Stork Shower.

Local Officer Named To Missile Command

Captain Gladstone S. Lewis, Jr., USAF, has been assigned as Project Officer in the Re-Entry Vehicle Development Directorate of Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, according to an announcement by Maj. Gen. O. J. Ritland, AFBMD Commander.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone S. Lewis, Sr., 5-A Gardenway rd., Captain Lewis graduated in 1946 from McKinley High School, Washington, D. C. He received his Bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Maryland. Through the Air Force Institute of Technology training program, he attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was awarded his Master's degree in 1959.

With over eight years of military service, Captain Lewis is the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Ribbon and is a graduate of Squadron Officers School. Captan Lewis is married to the former Bette L. Blythe of Chandler, Arizona. They have one son - Clinton H., age 6.

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Division manages and directs the research and development of the Air Force's TITAN, ATLAS, THOR and MINUTEMAN weapon systems, a project of highest national priority.

Cub Pack 202

The Cub Scouts of Pack 202 enjoyed a bus trip to Calvert Cliffs Saturday, January 16, where they hunted shark's teeth and shell along the beach. They also viewed points of interest in Annapolis on the way home.

At the January Pack meeting "The Petrified River", a film about the mining and uses of uranium, was shown.

The following awards were presented at this meeting: Paul Meier, Bear Badge and Gold Arrow; Leigh Hurst, silver Arrow and Denners Stripe; Richard Perkins and Douglas Dalbow, 2 year pins; Dan Coulter and Billy Rowland, 1 year pins; Bobby Kaufman, Assistant Denners Stripe; Steve Pierson, Denners Stripe.

On Saturday afternoon, January 9, the boys of Den 5 surprised their former Den Mother, Mrs. Frances Pierson, 19-L Hillside, with a party they had prepared.

Mrs. Greenbelt At Home

By Vivian Greenbaum

Like all parents, Russ and I want our children to lead rich, full lives, and we are always encouraging their innocent amusements. They are very inventive, and every day they trot out a new idea for a game. I have catalogued some of these games and am passing them on to you so that your household can enjoy them too.

Their favorite seems to be one which I call "Getting a Rise out of Mother" or "No Holds Barred". Any number can play, and the rules are so uncomplicated that even the youngest child can join in. The child who gets clobbered first by Mother loses, and the game begins all over again. This can be played even (or especially) in the back seat of a car where Mother is handicapped by having to swat over her shoulder using the rear-view mirror as a guide. The really exciting part comes when the car stops for a red light, and Mother temporarily has her eyes and both hands free. A child can display surprising agility at such a time.

Another game that they have is one in which they pretend that the floor is quicksand. The object is to navigate around the room on the furniture, and anyone who touches the floor is o-u-t. They also have a game that they play at the supper table. It is a highly competitive one and is called "See Who Can Eat the Least Supper and Still Get Dessert". This one slipped by me for a long time until I was made aware of it one night. I was placing dessert in front of the children when Rachelle leaned across the table and hissed to Eric: "Hah! I ate two peas less than you did!"

After a few of these games, we sometimes play a round of "Twenty Questions". The children start out with fairly simple ones like "Why did they name the first president George Washington?" and "Why is this color blue?" Then they work up to real brain teasers like "Why did you marry Daddy, Mommy?" Or worse, "Why did Daddy marry you?"

I almost forgot another game

**In Greenbelt
Everybody Reads
The News Review**

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NEWS REVIEW

Three

they play. It's called "On the Way to St. Elizabeth's", but I can't describe it because they keep changing the rules on me.

I don't want you to think that Russ is left out of the family fun. No indeed. Our family practices togetherness, not because we particularly believe in it, but because in a Greenbelt's house it's impossible to do otherwise. Eric initiated a new game, which, if it continues, I will call "Dilly, Dilly, Come and Get Killed". The game really got started because of a habit Russ has. Somewhere he read that when Houdini used to return home he would toss his hat through the door first. If the hat was allowed to remain, he knew it was safe to enter, but if the hat came sailing out he knew he'd better seek a more temperate climate elsewhere. Russ has long realized that you just don't open the door and walk into our house; you approach it with caution. He doesn't wear a hat, so he pokes his head into the door to size up the situation. Yesterday Eric was waiting on the other side of that door, and with precision timing, it was slammed on Daddy's neck.

I think Russ would do better to buy a hat.

Scout Troop 746 News

By Billy Aleshire & Robert Johnson

The annual "family night" program was held January 15, during which the scouts participated in their "Code of Honor" proceedings. Mr. Hunt performed as Master of Ceremonies. Seven boys advanced in rank. Tenderfoot awards were made to Larry Aleshire, Richard Lickvar, Bobby Parrish; First Class awards to Brian Hunt and Michael Lammons; Star Scout awards to Billy Aleshire and Dick Wertz. The program ended with refreshments.

Congratulations are in order too, for Troop 746 accomplishment in winning first place in the First Aid Skill Derby at Suitland High School, Saturday, January 23. Captain of the First Aid Team was Brian Hunt. Team members were Billy Aleshire, Mike Lammons and Dick Wertz. The "victim" (for demonstration purposes) was Tommy Wertz.

The boys of Troop 746 would like to thank Scoutmaster and Mrs. Cousins for serving ice cream and cake to the First Aid Team for their accomplishment.

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Those Living Behind Locked Doors

by Rita Fisher

As a preface to this month's article, an account of the presentation of an award follows:

On Sunday morning, January 23, the Reverend Charles Gill, minister of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, asked the ladies in the congregation who had been participating in the monthly visits to St. Elizabeth's Hospital to stand. He then read a citation to them in the form of a Volunteer Service Award. This award

was in appreciation for the unflinching service that the women have been giving to Ward CT-6 for the past two years. This certificate was signed by Mrs. Halliwick, Director of Volunteer Services, Dr. Overholser, Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Mr. Arthur Fleming, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare. Mrs. Bernice Mixon received the award on behalf of the women.

Through this column, we wish to thank the many women who are not members of our church, who have helped make our endeavors possible. Without the many contributions of clothing, cosmetics, jewelry, toilet articles, and money, we might not have been able to continue. So to the many women in Greenbelt who have contributed in any way, thank you. A special thanks to Mrs. Long of Silver Spring, Maryland, a subscriber to the News Review and a former Greenbelt resident, who has collected many things from her co-workers where she works. And to the ladies in the small mountain town of Kenosha Lake, New York, who have heard about our work from my mother-in-law, Mrs. Gussie Wohlrabe, who also subscribes to the News Review. They have sent us boxes of assorted articles to be used as gifts.

We made our monthly trip, as usual, on the third Wednesday of January. We brought along lots of plain cake, chocolate sauce, lemon sauce, candy, and the makings for punch. There were nine of us this time, and we were as anxious to get there as were our friends who were waiting to see us.

The procedure for getting through the locked doors is always the same. We arrive and go to the nurses' reception office, where they telephone upstairs for the ward nurse. She comes down, locking the doors behind her. We then follow her back upstairs. Behind the first locked door, we can see patients standing behind doors on either side of us in the first floor wards. Many times they wave and smile at us, and we return smile for smile and wave for wave. The nurse opens another locked door leading to the staircase, and we go up one flight and must wait for another door to be unlocked before we reach our ward.

We are usually greeted a few feet from the door by the same patient each month. This is Miss M. When I first saw Miss M., she used to watch us from the door of the recreation room but didn't participate in our games. Now she greets us as if she was the hostess for the party, usually saying, "So nice to see you again, my dear."

As we walk along the hallway, we pass alcoves on each side, and there are always a few women sitting, sometimes in chairs and sometimes on the floor. Some will smile and recognize us, while others see past us or go on talking to themselves. A few of these ladies have begun coming into the recreation room after we arrive. All accept refreshments.

We played Bingo and, not to take up all the space in the News Review, I will tell you of two women who caught my attention that day. The first was a lovely blond young woman. She was so well groomed that it was hard to believe she belonged there. We found out the reason as time passed and we became acquainted. She was an alcoholic, having also a mother, father, and sister as alcoholics too. She was in another ward where she was allowed freedom of the grounds. But she went AWOL, and when she returned she was put in the locked ward for further rehabilitation. My guess is that she will

not be there when we return in February.

In a previous story of our visits I told you about Miss S., who had to be led, like a robot, to the prize table and seemed to have no will of her own. Well, as I was standing near the gift table, I looked up and stared in surprise as I saw Miss S. coming toward me of her own power with no one leading her. She stood near the table and looked for quite a while and finally chose her own gift and went back to her table to play bingo. I noticed how nicely rouged she was and how well-groomed her hair was. I spoke to the nurse about it and she told me that Miss S. was grooming herself now and was really showing signs of self-will. She also said that Miss S. had been a brilliant woman before she became mentally ill. Have our visits and interest helped break through the barrier in some little way?

Let's recall some of the then and nows with women in this ward. There was Miss T., who screamed at us and who said there was no God and for us to leave her alone. She now is in an open ward, goes to church and gets along with the other patients much easier. There was Miss L., who was sloppy and vulgar at first but who is now quiet, neatly dressed, and so polite. There is dear Miss F., who wore a stocking cap over her pretty hair, who doesn't anymore. There are those who wouldn't eat our refreshments. Now no one refuses. So many play bingo now who, at first, refused to. These women know now that we visit them each month as friends. God willing, we will continue indefinitely, visiting those living behind locked doors.

Police News Review

The Greenbelt police were called out to the scene of two automobile accidents this week. The first occurred Sunday morning, just past midnight, near 9 court of Southway. A local resident, driving under the influence of alcohol, lost control of his car and crashed into two parked cars. He was taken to the hospital by the Rescue Squad where he struck a nurse, a doctor and a police officer. He was transferred to Hyattsville and charged with assault on an officer, operating under the influence, and drunken and reckless driving.

The second came Sunday evening from the vicinity of Greenbelt Junior High School. A Riverdale man struck another car from behind, noticed that his wife had been injured on her face and started to drive to the hospital although he was in a dazed condition himself. He struck another car at that time. Police have charged him with reckless driving.

On Saturday evening, two clerks in the Co-op spotted a man walking out of the store with two shopping bags loaded with about twenty-three cartons of cigarettes. They informed the assistant manager but the man broke away. He was gone before the police could stop him. An investigation in the parking lot turned up a car containing seventy-five cartons of cigarettes believed stolen from a Safeway store.

The police checked the owner of the car who turned out to be a woman who had her car in a garage for repairs. Apparently, the plates were stolen. Chief Jim Williams reports that several leads have turned up as to the man's identity and that County and District police are working with Greenbelt in order to find the thief.

When The SIREN BLOWS

By Rita Fisher

January 26, 1959

On a quiet Sunday afternoon I decided to take a walk down to the firehouse to have a look at the records of calls made by the men of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in the past week. I guess I was there about five minutes, just starting to take notes, when the silence was broken. Into the firehouse walked a bunch of the blackest faced men I have seen in at least a year. This was the returning crew from an intensive drill at the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension school. "This is no place for me," I thought, so I left and made plans to get a story later from Fire Chief Vince Dutton. The drill was for training with protective clothing and gas masks, which would show the men how far they could really go when fighting a fire.

The building used for demonstration and training consisted of three rooms, furnished with metal beds. Three hidden fires were set, and when the smoke and heat was built up enough, the men went into the building to extinguish the fire with as little water as was necessary. The men actually crawled along the floor and succeeded in their assigned task. Then they had to repeat the procedure. But this time they had to enter the building from the roof. This was to test their reaction to heat coming up the stairs. The smoke was actually twice as heavy as it actually would be, but the drill was to give the men confidence that they could do the job if it were necessary. Chief Dutton was satisfied with the results.

The siren did a good bit of blowing this past week.

On 1/21 at 2:53 p.m. Reported brush fire. Out on Arrival.

On 1/23 at 12:09. Fire in paint factory at Muirkirk, Md. The fire was under control when the Greenbelt men arrived. Also 1/23, some wood burning near a building, put out with booster line.

A good scare on Saturday at 5:05 p.m. Smoke pouring out of the basement of the apartment building at 46 Crescent brought lots of equipment to the scene. When the fire was brought under control quickly by the firemen, they investigated and found that the fire was located in one of the storage bins. Damage was estimated at about ten dollars. P. G. County Fire Marshall Woltz is investigating to determine the reason for this fire to start. Could have been children?

A false alarm sent the men out on Sunday evening to the corner of Northway and Hillside. And the equipment went to Kenilworth and Pontiac on a fire call. The manager at a gravel pit had lit fuel oil around a truck scale to thaw it out. The fuel oil, when ignited, also ignited the wood around the scale.

I heard the siren go off as I was typing this column for the paper, and I have just called the fire house and gotten the report.

The men were called to the woods behind 10 court on Plateau because some children had built a Christmas tree fort and then played with matches. A child has been taken to the hospital suffering from burns. If the trees had been brought to the collection spots and been used for our annual tree burning, this call would not have been necessary and a little boy would not have to be suffering from painful burns on the leg. Let's hope this will be a warning to others. If you spot any of these trees, collect them and call the city office to have them taken away.

Don't forget the Saturday Supper of franks and beans at the Greenbelt Fire Hall this weekend. Most of the women of the Auxiliary have tickets. Treat the kids and yourselves to an evening out.

4-H Club News

The Cloveretes 4-H group has had a busy and satisfying year so far. On Nov. 21 several girls received certificates for completing their cooking projects at the 4-H achievement night ceremonies. They are now learning to sew on the sewing machine, and are making aprons using the Bishop Method of sewing. They also learned to

do huck weaving and surprised their mothers at Christmas with beautiful guest towels.

There are now eleven girls in the club. They are Barbara Bowman, Carol Dalton, Eva Garin Elise and Barbara Geller, Pamela Green, Rebecca Kaplin, Jeanette Louk, Charlotte McCauley, Lynn Rousseau and Barbara Skolnik.

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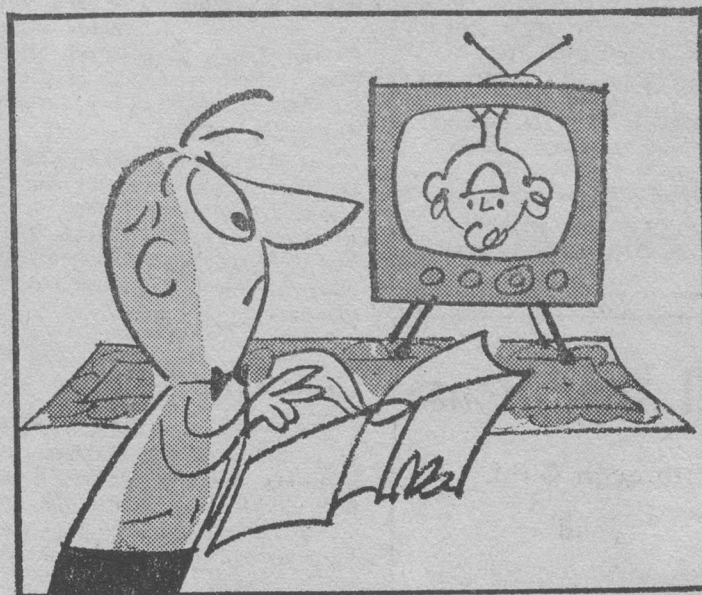
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